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Art Unit	1773 #12
Examiner Name	Ramsey E. Zacharia
Attorney Docket Number	713-417

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on ____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
- iii. ☐ Other: _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other: _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$750.00 or \$375.00)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17) (\$ 110.00)
- iii. ☐ Other: _____
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For: AIRTIGHT TREATMENT OF A PART IN A MOTOR VEHICLE

Group Art Unit: 1773

Examiner: R. Zacharia

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 11, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 2 and 30

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A fuel system of a motor vehicle that is adapted to house and transport a fuel comprising hydrocarbons, wherein said fuel system comprises:

at least one part comprising plastic or rubber, that is adapted to come into contact with hydrocarbons emanating from said fuel, and that is permeable to hydrocarbons emanating from said fuel; and

a polytetrafluoroethylene coating on at least a portion of a surface of said part, wherein said

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